

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JUDGES' PENSIONS ACT 1971

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JUDGES' PENSIONS ACT 1971

being

Judges' Pensions Act 1971 No. 30 of 1971
[Assented to 22 April 1971]¹

as amended by

Licensing Act Amendment Act 1971 No. 106 of 1971 [Assented to 9 December 1971]

Judges' Pensions Act Amendment Act 1972 No. 69 of 1972 [Assented to 7 September 1972]²

Judges' Pensions Act Amendment Act 1974 No. 72 of 1974 [Assented to 17 October 1974]³

Statutes Amendment (Administration of Courts and Tribunals) Act 1981 No. 34 of 1981 [Assented to 19 March 1981]⁴

Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act Amendment Act 1984 No. 19 of 1984 [Assented to 3 May 1984]⁵

Statutes Amendment (Public Actuary) Act 1992 No. 69 of 1992 [Assented to 19 November 1992]⁶

Statutes Amendment (Superannuation) Act 1997 No. 25 of 1997 [Assented to 10 April 1997]⁷

¹ Came into operation 1 May 1971: *Gaz.* 22 April 1971, p. 2186.

² Came into operation 2 August 1973: *Gaz.* 2 August 1973, p. 720.

³ Came into operation 28 November 1974: *Gaz.* 28 November 1974, p. 3372.

⁴ Came into operation 1 July 1981: *Gaz.* 25 June 1981, p. 1896.

⁵ Came into operation 14 May 1984: *Gaz.* 10 May 1984, p. 1090.

⁶ Came into operation 10 December 1992: *Gaz.* 10 December 1992, p. 1752.

⁷ **Part 2 (ss. 4 & 5) came into operation 24 April 1997: *Gaz.* 24 April 1997, p. 1618.**

NOTE:

- Asterisks indicate repeal or deletion of text.
- Entries appearing in bold type indicate the amendments incorporated since the last reprint.
- For the legislative history of the Act see Appendix.

An Act to make provision for Pensions for Judges and their widows, to amend the Supreme Court Act 1935-1970, the Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926-1970, the Industrial Code 1967-1970, and for purposes incidental thereto.

The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

**PART 1
PRELIMINARY**

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Judges' Pensions Act 1971*.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Arrangement of Act

3. This Act is arranged as follows:

PART 1—PRELIMINARY.

PART 2—PENSIONS.

PART 3—AMENDMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT ACT 1935-1970.

PART 4—AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURTS ACT 1926-1970.

PART 5—AMENDMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL CODE 1967-1970.

Interpretation

4. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

"**age of retirement**" in relation to a Judge, means the age prescribed as the age of retirement in relation to the Judge by the Act or enactment under which he is or was appointed;

"**eligible child**" means the child or adopted child—

- (a) of a deceased Judge or deceased former Judge; or
- (b) of the spouse of a deceased Judge or deceased former Judge, not being a child—
 - (i) born of a pregnancy that commenced after the death of the Judge or former Judge; or
 - (ii) adopted after the death of the Judge or former Judge,

who—

- (c) has not attained the age of sixteen years; or
- (d) having attained that age, has not attained the age of twenty-five years and is in full time attendance at an educational institution recognised by the Minister for the purposes of this definition;

"**former Judge**" means a person who has been a Judge and is or has been in receipt of a pension under this Act not being a pension referred to in section 12 of this Act;

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"Judge" means—

- (a) the Chief Justice and any puisne judge of the Supreme Court but does not include any person appointed pursuant to the *Supreme Court Act 1935*, as amended, to act in the stead of a puisne judge; or
- (ab) a Master of the Supreme Court (not being a person who, immediately before the commencement of the *Statutes Amendment (Administration of Courts and Tribunals) Act 1981*, held office as the master, or a deputy master of that Court); or
- (b) a Judge as defined in section 4 of the *Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926-1970*, but does not include an Acting Judge as defined in that section; or
- (c) a Judge of the Industrial Court of South Australia; or
- (ca) a Deputy President of the Industrial Commission of South Australia (other than a Deputy President appointed on an acting basis); or
- (d) a chairman or deputy chairman of the Licensing Court of South Australia first appointed as such after the commencement of this Act; or
- (e) a person declared by proclamation to be included in the definition of a Judge for the purposes of this Act;

"judicial service" in relation to a Judge or former Judge, means service, in any of the capacities referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) inclusive of the definition of **"Judge"** in this section, whether occurring before or after the commencement of this Act and any service while acting in any of those capacities, whether such service occurred before or after the commencement of this Act and includes any other service declared by proclamation to be judicial service for the purposes of this Act;

"notional pension"—

- (a) in relation to a deceased Judge, means the pension that would have been payable to that Judge if—
 - (i) he had retired on the day he died; and
 - (ii) the period elapsing between the day on which he died and the day on which, had he attained the age of retirement, he would have retired was included in his judicial service; and
 - (iii) his salary immediately before he died was his salary immediately before he retired; and
 - (iv) he had been in receipt of a pension on the day in relation to which the expression is used; and
- (b) in relation to a deceased former Judge, means the amount of pension that would have been payable to that deceased former Judge if he had been in receipt of a pension on the day in relation to which the expression is used;

"retires" in relation to a Judge, means ceases to be a Judge by reason of having attained the age of retirement;

"**resigns**" in relation to a Judge, means ceases to be a Judge otherwise than by retirement or death;

"**salary**" in relation to a Judge who has retired, resigned or died, means the salary payable to that Judge immediately before he so retired, resigned or died.

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**PART 2
PENSIONS**

Certain pensions not payable

5. (1) Unless the Governor directs otherwise, a pension under this Act is not payable to or in respect of a Judge who is first appointed such a Judge within the period of five years immediately preceding the day on which he would attain the age of retirement.

(2) If immediately before his appointment as a Judge, a Judge, to or in respect of whom a pension is not payable pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, was a contributor as defined in section 5 of the *Superannuation Act 1974*, then notwithstanding anything in that Act, that Act shall apply and have effect to and in relation to that Judge as if he were an employee as defined in that section and his judicial service were service as such an employee.

Pension on retirement or resignation

6. Where a Judge—

- (a) retires; or
- (b) having had not less than ten years' judicial service and having attained the age of sixty years, resigns;

the Judge shall be entitled to a pension at a rate equal to the sum of—

- (c) forty per centum of his salary; and
- (d) one per centum of his salary for each complete six months of his judicial service other than the first five years of that service,

but so that the rate of his pension shall not exceed sixty per centum of his salary.

Pension on resignation on ground of invalidity, etc.

7. Where a Judge resigns, and the Minister certifies that his resignation is due to a permanent disability or infirmity, the Judge shall be entitled to a pension calculated on the basis that—

- (a) he had retired on the day his resignation took effect; and
- (b) the period elapsing between the day on which his resignation took effect and the day on which, had he attained the age of retirement, he would have retired was included in his judicial service; and
- (c) his salary immediately before his resignation was his salary immediately before he retired,

but so that the rate of his pension shall not exceed sixty per centum of his salary.

Death of Judge

8. Where a Judge dies and is survived by a spouse, that spouse shall be entitled to a pension for life at the rate of two-thirds of the notional pension of that deceased Judge.

Death of former Judge

9. Where a former Judge dies and is survived by a spouse who was the spouse of that former Judge while he was a Judge, that spouse shall be entitled to a pension for life at the rate of two-thirds of the notional pension of that deceased former Judge.

Orphans

10. (1) There shall be payable in respect of each eligible orphan child of a Judge or former Judge a pension at the rate of three hundred and twelve dollars a year.

(2) A pension payable under subsection (1) of this section may be paid to the guardian of the eligible orphan child and shall be used for the support or education of that child.

(3) On the commencement of the *Judges' Pensions Act Amendment Act 1974*, a pension payable to a person pursuant to this section shall cease and determine and on or after that commencement no pension shall be payable pursuant to this section.

Determination of child benefit

10A. For the purposes of section 10B and section 10C of this Act the amount of child benefit for each eligible child deriving his entitlement for a child benefit from a Judge or former Judge shall be determined—

- (a) on each occasion on which a person becomes entitled to a child benefit derived from that Judge or former Judge; or
- (b) on the number of persons entitled to a child benefit derived from that Judge or former Judge diminishing; or
- (c) on each occasion on which pensions are adjusted pursuant to section 14A of this Act.

Child benefit general

10B. (1) Except as is provided in section 10C of this Act there shall be payable in respect of each person who becomes an eligible child in relation to a deceased Judge or deceased former Judge a child benefit ascertained in the manner provided by subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The child benefit referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be a fortnightly payment in respect of each such eligible child of an amount—

- (a) in the case of one or two eligible children, equal to one-ninth of the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived; or
- (b) in the case of three or more such eligible children, equal to one-third of the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived divided by the number of such children.

Child benefit where no spouse's pension payable

10C. (1) There shall be payable in respect of each person who becomes an eligible child in relation to a deceased Judge or deceased former Judge, where a pension deriving from that deceased Judge or deceased former Judge is not payable to the spouse of that Judge or former Judge, a child benefit ascertained in the manner provided by subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The child benefit referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be a fortnightly payment in respect of each such eligible child of an amount—

- (a) in the case of one eligible child, equal to forty-five per centum of the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived; and

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- (b) in the case of two such eligible children, equal to forty per centum of the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived; and
- (c) in the case of three such eligible children, equal to thirty per centum of the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived; and
- (d) in the case of four or more such eligible children, equal to the notional pension for the time being of the Judge or former Judge from whom the entitlement to a child benefit is derived divided by the number of such children.

To whom child benefit payable

10D. Any amount payable by way of child benefit under this Act shall be payable—

- (a) to the spouse, if any, of the deceased Judge or deceased former Judge; or
- (b) to the eligible child; or
- (c) to some other person,

as the Minister, in his discretion, determines.

Cessation of child benefits

10E. A child benefit under this Act shall cease to be payable in respect of a person who is an eligible child on that person ceasing to be an eligible child.

Assumed day of becoming eligible child

10F. Notwithstanding anything in this Act to the contrary an eligible child, in respect of whom a pension referred to in section 10 of this Act was payable immediately before the commencement of the *Judges' Pensions Act Amendment Act 1974*, shall be deemed to have become such a child on that commencement.

Minimum pensions

11. (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 6 or section 7 of this Act, a Judge to whom this section applies shall, if he becomes entitled to a pension pursuant to either of those sections, be entitled to a pension at the rate of not less than fifty per centum of his salary.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in section 8 of this Act, in the application of that section to the widow of a Judge to whom this section applies, the pension that would have been payable to the Judge shall be deemed to be not less than fifty per centum of his salary.

(3) This section applies to a Judge who was in office as such immediately before the commencement of this Act and who retired, resigned or died after that commencement.

Pension under an Act amended by this Act

12. (1) A person whose name is specified in the first column of the schedule to this Act, being a person to whom a pension was payable pursuant to an Act amended by this Act, shall be paid, in lieu of that pension, a pension for life at the rate specified in the second column of that schedule opposite the name of that person.

(2) Where a person referred to in subsection (1) of this section, who was a Judge, dies leaving a widow then that widow shall be entitled to a pension for life equal to fifty per centum of the pension that was payable to her deceased husband immediately before his death.

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Pension not payable on removal of Judge

13. Unless the Governor otherwise directs, a pension under this Act is not payable to or in relation to a Judge—

- (a) who has been removed from office pursuant to section 75 of the *Constitution Act 1934*, as amended; or
- (b) who has been removed from office in the manner provided for by the *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1972*; or
- (c) who has been removed from office in the manner provided for by the proviso to subsection (4) of section 5 of the *Licensing Act 1967*, as amended; or
- (d) who has been removed from office in the manner provided for by subsection (3) of section 5F of the *Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926-1969*, as amended.

Payment of pensions

14. (1) Pensions payable under this Act—

- (a) accrue due from day to day but are payable fortnightly; and
- (b) are payable by the Treasurer from the Consolidated Account (which is appropriated to the necessary extent) or from a special deposit account established by the Treasurer for that purpose.

(2) In this section—

"**special deposit account**" means a special deposit account established under section 8 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

Adjustment of pensions

14A. (1) In this section—

"**adjustment percentage**" in relation to a prescribed pension day, means the adjustment percentage, if any, declared for that prescribed pension day;

"**determination day**"—

- (a) in relation to the pension payable to a former Judge, means the day on which that pension first became payable; and
- (b) in relation to the pension payable to the spouse of a deceased Judge, means the day on which that pension first became payable; and
- (c) in relation to the pension payable to the spouse of a deceased former Judge, means the day on which the pension payable to that deceased former Judge first became payable; and
- (d) in the case of a pension payable to a person referred to in the schedule to this Act, the day of commencement of this Act; and

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- (e) in the case of the pension payable pursuant to subsection (2) of section 12 of this Act to a person who is the widow of a person who was a Judge, the day of commencement of this Act;

"June quarter" in relation to a year means the period commencing on and including the first day of April of that year and concluding on and including the thirtieth day of June in that year;

"pension day" means the day on which the payment of a fortnightly instalment pension under this Act is usually made;

"pension fortnight" means the period of fourteen days in relation to which a fortnightly instalment of pension is paid;

"prescribed pension day" means the first pension day in the month of October, 1974, and the first pension day in the month of October in each succeeding year;

"the Index" means the Consumer Price Index (All groups index for Adelaide) published by the Commonwealth Statistician under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* of the Commonwealth as amended from time to time and includes any Act passed in substitution therefor.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), the provisional adjustment percentage for a year is the percentage, calculated to two decimal places, by which the Index for the June quarter of that year is greater or less than the Index for the June quarter of the year immediately preceding that year.

(3) If the provisional adjustment percentage for a year is equal to or greater than one per centum, the Minister must, as soon as possible after the end of the June quarter of that year, publish notice in the *Gazette* declaring the provisional adjustment percentage to be the adjustment percentage for the prescribed pension day next following the June quarter of that year and state in the notice whether the adjustment percentage is to be applied so as to reduce or increase pensions.

(4) Where the provisional adjustment percentage for a year is less than one per centum no adjustment percentage is to be declared by the Minister for the prescribed pension day next following the June quarter of that year.

(5) In any year that next follows a year in respect of which no adjustment percentage was declared, the provisional adjustment percentage for that year is the percentage, calculated to two decimal places, by which the Index for the June quarter of that year is greater or less than the Index for the June quarter of the year in relation to which an adjustment percentage was last declared.

(6) Subject to subsection (7) of this section, on and from the commencement of the pension fortnight which includes each prescribed pension day the amount of each pension payable pursuant to this Act—

- (a) that had a determination day that occurred on or before the thirtieth day of September of the year next preceding the year in which the prescribed pension day occurs, shall be increased, or as the case may be, decreased, by the adjustment percentage declared for that prescribed pension day; and

- (b) that had a determination day that occurred, on or after the first day of October of the year next preceding the year in which the prescribed pension day occurs and on or before the thirty-first day of December in that year, shall be increased, or as the case may be, decreased, by three-quarters of the adjustment percentage declared for that prescribed pension day; and
- (c) that had a determination day that occurred on or after the first day of January in the year in which the prescribed pension day occurs and on or before the thirty-first day of March in that year, shall be increased, or as the case may be, decreased, by one-half of the adjustment percentage declared for that prescribed pension day; and
- (d) that had a determination day that occurred on or after the first day of April in the year in which the prescribed pension day occurs and on or before the thirtieth day of June of that year shall be increased, or as the case may be, decreased, by one-quarter of the adjustment percentage declared for that prescribed pension day.

(7) Subsection (6) of this section shall not have effect so as to reduce the amount of any pension that had a determination day that occurred on or before the commencement of the *Judges' Pensions Act Amendment Act 1974*, to a fortnightly amount less than the fortnightly amount of—

- (a) in the case of the pension payable to a former Judge or a person who was a Judge payable before the commencement of that Act, the pension so payable on the commencement of that Act; or
- (b) in the case of the pension payable to the spouse of a deceased Judge, of a deceased former Judge or of a person who was a Judge, first payable before the commencement of that Act, the pension so payable on the commencement of that Act.

Refund of certain contributions

15. (1) Where on or after the commencement of this Act, a Judge, who has made a contribution for a pension pursuant to an Act amended by this Act—

- (a) resigns or is removed from office and is not entitled to a pension under this Act, that Judge shall be entitled to be paid an amount equal to the amount of his contributions for that pension; or
- (b) dies without leaving a widow or eligible orphan child entitled to a pension under this Act, there shall be paid to the legal personal representative of that Judge an amount equal to the amount of his contributions for that pension.

(2) Amounts referred to in subsection (1) are payable by the Treasurer out of the Consolidated Account (which is appropriated to the necessary extent).

"Declared scheme"

16. (1) The provision of pensions under this Act shall be deemed to be "a declared scheme" for the purposes of section 26 of the *Superannuation Act 1969-1970*.

(2) A person who becomes a Judge, other than a Judge to or in respect of whom pursuant to section 5 of this Act a pension is not payable, shall for the purposes of section 26 of the *Superannuation Act 1969-1970*, be deemed to be a person liable to make a contribution in respect of a declared scheme.

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Judge Johnston—special provisions

17. (1) If upon the commencement of this Act Judge Laurence Frederick John Johnston is in office as chairman of the Licensing Court of South Australia he may, within the period of one month next following that commencement, execute a request in writing to the South Australian Superannuation Fund Board to pay to the Treasurer in aid of the general revenue of the State an amount equal to the amount of the contributions that the said Judge Laurence Frederick John Johnston has made to the South Australian Superannuation Fund under any Act for the time being in force relating to such contributions.

(2) On and from the day upon which a request referred to in subsection (1) of this section is executed—

(a) this Act shall apply and have effect to and in relation to the said Judge Laurence Frederick John Johnston in all respects as if—

(i) he were a Judge as defined in section 4 of this Act; and

(ii) his judicial service as such a Judge commenced on the twelfth day of April, 1958; and

(b) no pension or other benefit shall be payable under the *Superannuation Act 1969-1970* to or in relation to the said Judge Laurence Frederick John Johnston.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the *Superannuation Act 1969-1970*, on receiving a request referred to in subsection (1) of this section, the South Australian Superannuation Fund Board—

(a) shall pay out of the South Australian Superannuation Fund to the Treasurer the amount referred to in that subsection; and

(b) shall not be liable to pay any amount to the said Judge Laurence Frederick John Johnston by way of any refund of his contributions under the *Superannuation Act 1969-1970* or any Act repealed by that Act.

PART 3
AMENDMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT ACT 1935-1970

Short titles

18. (1) The *Supreme Court Act 1935-1970*, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Supreme Court Act 1935-1971*.

(2) The *Supreme Court Act 1935-1970* is in this Part referred to as "the principal Act".

Repeal of ss. 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13EA, 13EB, 13EC, 13F and 13G of principal Act

19. Sections 13B, 13C, 13D, 13E, 13EA, 13EB, 13EC, 13F and 13G of the principal Act are repealed.

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**PART 4
AMENDMENT OF THE LOCAL AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURTS
ACT 1926-1970**

Short titles

20. (1) The *Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926- 1970*, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926-1971*.

(2) The *Local and District Criminal Courts Act 1926-1970* is in this Part referred to as "the principal Act".

Repeal of ss. 5G, 5H, 5I and 5J of principal Act

21. Sections 5G, 5H, 5I and 5J of the principal Act are repealed.

PART 5
AMENDMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL CODE 1967-1970

Short titles

22. (1) The *Industrial Code 1967-1970*, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Industrial Code 1967-1971*.

(2) The *Industrial Code 1967-1970* is in this Part referred to as "the principal Act".

Repeal of ss. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 17A of principal Act

23. Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the principal Act are repealed.

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THE SCHEDULE

First Column	Second Column Annual Rate of Pension \$
The Honourable Sir Herbert Mayo	7 415.13
The Honourable Sir John Mellis Napier	8 984.75
The Honourable Sir Dudley Bruce Ross	6 765.63
The Honourable John Leo Travers	9 012.50
Lynette Brazel	3 382.81
Lady Edith Emily Ligertwood	3 382.81
Grace Lily Millhouse	3 382.81
Joyce Gertrude Piper	3 382.81
Lady Kathleen Jennie Reed	3 382.81
Ray Lillian Pellew	3 281.27

APPENDIX

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

- Legislative history prior to 3 February 1976 appears in marginal notes and footnotes included in the consolidation of this Act contained in Volume 5 of The Public General Acts of South Australia 1837-1975 at page 280.
- Legislative history since 3 February 1976 (**entries in bold type indicate amendments incorporated since the last reprint**) is as follows:

Section 4:	definition of "Judge" amended by 34, 1981, s. 27; 19, 1984, s. 64(a)
Section 13:	amended by 19, 1984, s. 64(b)
Section 14:	amended and redesignated as s. 14(1) by 25, 1997, s. 4(a), (b)
Section 14(2):	inserted by 25, 1997, s. 4(b)
Section 14A(2) - (5):	substituted by 69, 1992, s. 17
Section 15(2):	substituted by 25, 1997, s. 5